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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed document are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language document(s) is not readily available.

The documents submitted herewith were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in a European application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

U.S. Patent No. 4,956,121 discloses a dimethylacetamide mica and vermiculite suspensions.

U.S. Patent No. 5,326,500 discloses a vermiculite composition with improved chemical exfoliation.

European Publication EP 0 429 246A1 discloses a low temperature expandable vermiculite and an intumescent sheet material containing the same.

German Publication DE 696 15 090 T2 (corresponds to European Patent No. 747,322 laid-open December, 1996) discloses a method of producing phyllosilicate-intercalation compounds according to which a native expandable phyllosilicate, in particular vermiculite is subjected to ion exchange with at least one cationic surfactant, and at least one organic intercalate compound is intercalated in the phyllosilicate.

German Publication DE 696 15 090 T2 (correspond to European Patent No. 718,237, first laid-open June, 1996) discloses to intercalate directly into phyllosilicate, without a preliminary ion exchange, dimethylacetamide, dimethylformamid or dimethylsulfoxide.

Patent Abstract of Japan of Application 09227149 discloses an organic clay complex containing melamine resin.

No fee is due with this Information Disclosure Statement as it is being submitted before the first Office Action on merits.

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